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Dr. William H. Wiley

ment Station, director of the Co-operative Extension Service and head of the poultry department.

Dean Wiley is the author of technical papers and bulletins on poultry sciences and animal genetics.

His national positions have included being vice-chairman of the Poultry Research and Marketing Advisory Committee for the Secretary of Agriculture and participating in the national "Committee of Nine" to review the nation's regional research progress in agriculture.

Dean Wiley is a member of Sigma Xi, Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Sigma, Alpha Zeta and the American Association of University Professors.

"I leave Rhode Island with feelings of deep regret. I have spent a most enjoyable and rewarding 15 years here," Dean Wiley said.

Dr. Odland will continue as a professor until his retirement. He joined the URI faculty in 1929 and



Dr. Theodore E. Odland



Dr. Robert C. Wakefield

is the original breeder of the Naragansett variety of alfalfa which was first marketed in 1950. More than a half million acres of the strain were grown in the United States in 1960.

A native of Rutland, N.D., Dr. Odland received his B.S. and M.S. degrees at the University of Minnesota and his Ph.D. from Cornell University. He served on the faculty of the University of West Virginia for eight years before coming to URI.

Dr. Odland has either authored or co-authored about 150 publications on agronomy and was a Fulbright lecturer in agronomy at the Agricultural College of Norway in 1953.

Dr. Wakefield received his B.S. in agronomy from URI. He received his M.S. and Ph.D. from Rutgers University. In 1954 he joined the URI faculty as assistant professor and was made an associate professor in 1957.

'Tropic of Cancer' Distribution Causes Mixed Campus Opinion

The controversial novel, "Tropic of Cancer," by Henry Miller which was donated by the American Association of University Professors to the URI library, has been put on a "restricted list" it was learned recently.

The move was initiated by Dr. Francis H. Horn, URI president, who said it would remain on the restricted list "pending the outcome of the controversy."

"I have done this because the matter has not been settled as to whether the book should be freely circulated," Dr. Horn said.

According to Francis P. Allen, URI librarian, "restricted list" in this instance means the book will only be circulated to faculty members even though there are also students on the waiting list.

Attorney General J. Joseph Nugent, who has recently curtailed the distribution of the novel throughout the state, said he found the book to be obscene. According to Mr. Nugent, circulation of obscene books is illegal under the state's obscenity law. Students may

take out the book only by obtaining permission from a faculty member, he said.

Over a month ago Mr. Nugent said he would take no action against the circulation or use of the book within the Brown University library. Brown is a privately endowed institution.

Mr. Allen said last Friday, concerning the circulation of the novel, "We are giving preference to the faculty. I wouldn't want to loan it to students until I get permission from the President's office. As state employees, we have to defer to Mr. Nugent," Mr. Allen said.

According to Mr. Allen, the campus library purchased a copy of the book last spring before the controversy came up. This copy has been missing from the shelves since September, he said.

The Beacon recently conducted a survey among campus faculty, administrative officials and local clergymen to gather opinions on the "Tropic of Cancer" issue.

The following questions were asked:

- Have you read the book?
- Is it obscene?
- What is your opinion of it in respect to its being obscene?
- Does it have any literary merits?
- Do you feel Attorney General Nugent is justified in curtailing the distribution of the book?
- Should the URI library have a copy of the book?
- Do you feel censorship in R. I. is handled correctly?
- Would you recommend the book?
- Do you feel the AAUP was right in voting to donate a copy to the campus library?

Dr. Horn said he has read about one-third of the novel and feels it is obscene. He said the novel had some literary merit. "There

are sections in which he writes with great perception," he said.

Dr. Horn said he thought the campus library should have a copy and that the decision of obscenity should have been left to the court. He said he would not recommend the book.

Dr. Horn said that he did not object to the decision of the AAUP to donate a copy to the library. "I am sure in due time it would have been replaced. However, there is no objection to the AAUP or any other group donating books to the library."

Mr. Allen said he has not read the book. He said, "I think anyone has the privilege to donate a copy to the library. Perhaps it would have been better to donate something else. The AAUP has not donated any book before."

Mr. Allen said, "If the AAUP had not donated the book, the library would not have replaced it. We don't purchase a replacement until it has been missing for six months and then it depends on the demand," he said.

Dr. Henry F. Capasso, president of AAUP, said he has read the book and feels the problem of obscenity "depends on your interpretation." Dr. Capasso said the novel is written in "forceful language." He said it should be in the campus library.

"I would not recommend it for grammar or high school students," he said.

Dr. Capasso said he does not believe Mr. Nugent is the proper authority to curtail circulation. "I would like to see the whole question brought before the proper authorities," he said.

Dr. Warren D. Smith of the English department said he has not read the book. "I do not believe in any book censorship," Dr. Smith

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New National Group Installs URI Chapter

Lambda Delta Phi, the newest of the national sororities, last Saturday initiated a group of URI girls into Beta Chapter, as a part of its national initiation ceremonies.

The sorority, founded last June at the University of Massachusetts, has four chapters located at UMass, Boston University, University of Minnesota and URI, the latter having been founded as Beta Epsilon local sorority on Oct. 1, 1958.

In a break with tradition, the sorority is founded on non-discriminatory principles and Carlotta DiMaio, president of the local chapter, said: "As far as I know, this is the first national sorority to be founded on this basis."

Miss DiMaio said the sorority judges its candidates "solely on the basis of what they are and what they have to offer." The preamble to the sorority's constitution states that members will be selected "solely on individual merit" and "without regard to race, religion or national origin," she said.

Lois Ford, a Negro and past president of Beta Epsilon, was initiated into the sorority as an active alumna, the first such step to be taken by a national sorority on the URI campus.

Miss DiMaio said the constitution of the group is open and available to anyone who wishes to read it. However, she stressed that, contrary to an article printed in the Providence Journal last Sunday, the sorority meetings would be held on a closed basis.

Officers of the URI chapter installed last Saturday are Miss DiMaio, Miss Norma Resnick, first vice president; Miss Judith Fokkett, second vice president; Miss Lesley Keenan, secretary; Miss Joan Gill, treasurer; Miss Amy Pratt, treasurer and Miss Shirley Colucci, social chairman.

Miss Anne E. Galloway, an alumna of the URI chapter, is secretary of the national organization.



A pensive moment for John Dimeo.

Student Recitals Being Given

John J. Dimeo, pianist, was featured at last Sunday's Senior Recital held in Independence Hall sponsored by the URI department of music. Mr. Dimeo played selections by Bach, Beethoven and Debussy.

Twenty URI students in music will present a recital tomorrow at 4 p.m. in Independence Hall open to the public.

Performing will be Myron Rainer, Marcia G. Iacobucci, Brenda F. Di Cenzo, Rena T. Pazienna, Margaret Ralston and Mr. Dimeo, pianists.

Also, Catherine R. Allen, flute; Stephen B. Murray, piano; Barbara Murray, soprano and Reynard L. Bullock, tuba.

Also, Vincent Monacelli, violin; Ethel L. Corbin, soprano; Cynthia L. Waters, piano; Sue Ann MacDonald, piano; Robert Gentile, tenor and Christine B. Slonina, piano.

Also, Isabelle Jordan, piano; Linda G. Sahagian, soprano; Francis W. Farrell, snare drum and Patricia Snow, piano.

Pre-Holiday Classes Change

URI classes to be held on Dec. 19, 19 and 20 have been scheduled as a Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday grouping.

Since classes on Dec. 20 will be operating on a Saturday schedule, the Christmas recess will begin that afternoon at 12:50.

Indrani to Appear Tomorrow Evening

Scimati Indrani, internationally renowned Indian dancer, will make her only Rhode Island appearance in her current United States tour at the Auditorium tomorrow night at 8:30.

Miss Indrani and her troupe of dancers and musicians have been sent on tours to Europe and America by her government as cultural representatives and the company's performances have received world wide acclaim.

Tickets are \$1.50 for general admission and \$2 for reserved seats and are available at the Memorial Union desk.

Hamlet Had A Choice

The furor which has arisen not only in the nation and the state but also on campus over the controversial novel, "Tropic of Cancer," is absurd. It is absurd because people in these areas are making an issue over a piece of literature that really is not worth it.

More intimately, this issue affects the students at URI because of the administration's restricting the students from obtaining the library's only copy. Of course, according to the Attorney General who has taken it upon himself to be the one-man judge in deciding what is good for the Rhode Island public without seeking judicial consent, this decision is justifiable.

But why should the university faculty be given permission to obtain this book from

the university library in open defiance and disregard for what has been declared the "law"?

What we have here is an inequitable enforcement of this "law." It should not be so. Neither should the students be required to obtain permission from a faculty member to have the opportunity to judge whether or not the book is obscene.

There is absolutely no reason for this procedure. When is this institution going to accept the fact that all college students are not babies? At this stage in life we do not need the food for our bodies pre-strained; neither do we need it for our minds.

What are we here for if we are not permitted to make decisions? Even Hamlet had a choice. Is this or is this not an educational institution?

The Real Significance

The recent interview between President Kennedy and Alexei Adzhubei, Premier Khrushchev's son-in-law and editor of Izvestia, which was published in Izvestia in almost complete text represents more than a change in the relations between the U.S. and the Soviet Union.

It is evident that the American press, in general, played up the rather insignificant aspect of this important news story. The news was not in what the President said to the Russian people but the fact that it had been printed almost completely in the Soviet Union.

This is the real significance. Never since the inauguration of Communism has an opposing view been allowed to be uttered, let alone printed, in the Soviet Union; many a faithful communist met his doom because

he disagreed with the hierarchy. Basic in communist dogma is the unalterable statement that Communism is the only truth; there is and can be no other way of doing things.

The willingness Premier Khrushchev showed in allowing the President's words to reach the Russian people is indicative of the relaxing of control in Russia. Perhaps this also demonstrates the confidence Mr. K. has of the Russian people's acceptance of Communism to the point where they can be exposed to the opposition without fear of their trying to overcome communist domination.

To hope for a definite reaction from the Soviet people is daydreaming, but to know that they have had at least a chance to hear the other side of the story is gratifying.

Tropic

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said. "Who is God-given enough to do it? I don't think puritanism in New England is dead. The most salient characteristic of puritanism is dirtmindedness. I agree with Hamlet that nothing is good or bad but thinking makes it so."

Dr. Walter L. Simmons of the English department said he has not read the book. With respect to curtailment, Dr. Simmons said, "As long as it is the law of the state, I think the library should abide. By all means it should have the book if it were not the law. Is it the law? That is the question," he said.

Dr. Simmons said he thought it was "silly" for the AAUP to donate the novel. "I think it's a stunt," he said. Dr. Simmons said, "If it is necessary to have censorship, it should be a large centralized, authorized board of censors. I don't believe in that sort of thing, but if they need it, it should be as broad as possible."

Dr. James D. Brasch of the English department said he read the book, but not recently. He said obscenity is "a legal question." He said the library should definitely have a copy and the AAUP was correct in donating one.

Dr. Brasch said Mr. Nugent "should have provided for a test case and the decision should have been made by court judgment." He said he would recommend the novel "for a student studying modern literature, but it is certainly not as important as other works." He added, "I am disturbed that the library here handled it the way it did."

Dr. Nancy Potter of the English department said she has read the beginning of the book and the question of whether it is obscene "has to be answered relatively." Dr. Potter said the library should have a copy and the AAUP was correct in donating one. With regard to Mr. Nugent's action, she said, "I think parents may restrict the reading of a book and religious leaders may ask their constitu-

Elimination of Discrimination Aim of New SDA Committee

The students for Democratic Action have formed a special five member committee to execute a four phase plan of action working towards the elimination of racial discrimination in South Kingstown, it was announced recently.

The committee, headed by Richard Garreau, was selected at the Nov. 21 meeting of the SDA after a four part resolution had been passed calling for the end of racial discrimination in several South Kingstown barbershops.

The resolution called for the continuance of sponsored tests to be conducted over an indefinite period of time in each barbershop within the community with "any occasions of refusal or maltreatment to be reported directly to the Rhode Island Commission against Discrimination for prosecution."

Residents of South Kingstown

are not to read it. I do not believe a civil servant has a right to ban a book."

Dr. Potter added that she believes book censorship in R. I. is not as bad as in other places and that she would not recommend the book because she found it was "boring."

The Rev. Everett Greene, URI Episcopal chaplain, said he has read the book but did not consider it obscene. He felt the library should have a copy and that Mr. Nugent was not right in taking the action he did in curtailing distribution of the book.

"I am very much opposed to book censorship," Rev. Green said. "I would recommend the book but not to persons under college age. I think it is very laudible for any group to donate a book to the library," he said.

The Rev. Edmund W. Fetter, URI Protestant chaplain, said he had read 40 pages of the book. Asked whether it is obscene, Rev. Fetter said "I don't think I would

and URI Negro students will be encouraged by SDA to attend the concerned barbershops regularly and to report any racial discrimination to the commission.

The SDA committee will also seek cooperative action from civic and church leaders and from social improvement organizations within the community and will inform and remind barbers about future developments.

Community barbers found to discriminate racial discrimination who meet with any legal difficulties will be defended by the SDA.

Progress in the situation will be reported regularly at meetings of the group and in press releases.

At the Student Senate meeting last Monday night, the constitution of SDA was approved and the group was made eligible to draw funds from the Student Tax Committee.

use the word 'obscene.' After reading part of it and talking with others who have read it, I think I have a good idea of the story. There is certainly foul language used. I know this is what goes on in a segment of life. I am well aware of the language that is used," he said.

Rev. Fetter added, "If this is a valid picture of a segment of life then it is valuable and we should not be afraid of it. We should do something about it. But to read it just for filth is another story," he said.

He said he does not believe in book censorship and that the book doesn't have much literary merit. "It is more valuable perhaps as a psychological or sociological study since it appears to be an autobiography," he said.

When called, the Rev. Edmund C. Micarelli, URI Catholic chaplain, said he had no comment to make.

Mr. Leo Weiss, URI Jewish counselor, was not available for comment.

Letters to the Editor

Questions System Of Sorority Rush

As a freshman, it is hard for me to evaluate the sorority rushing periods of other years. I have heard that conditions have improved considerably during the past two years, but it bothers me to think that the situation this year is ultimate.

The rushing period, as it has been defined for me, is a time in which rushees get to know the sororities and the girls in them and the sorority sisters get to know the rushees. Yet, I have found this far from the truth.

If we ask questions about the sorority, its members are not allowed to answer them. I would not like to join a sorority without knowing what ideals and charters I would have to uphold.

One thinks that the various parties will be conducive to finding out more about the girls, but at such social occasions one finds one's self subjected to a series of songs that advertise the sorority.

Would it not be more democratic and closer to the purposes of the rushing period to have a completely open system after the initial Round Robin, for instance, sorority and sorority along with freshman and freshman at any time?

If it is a question of "dirty rushing," I certainly cannot feel that the present system is unbiased. I know some girls who went on Round Robin and have not been visited by a single sorority member. There are countless others who have not been visited by the majority of sororities. If they feel they can judge a girl's personality in the 20-minute period allotted during Round Robin, may I suggest that the aims of the rushing period are completely unfounded and useless.

SUSAN DRAPER

Wants SDA Action

Another academic year is well in progress and another "situation" to further the notoriety and personal gain of a handful of URI students is in process.

Last year the cry of the "student leaders" was down with compulsory ROTC. This year the cry is: "The people in South County are not Americans." This was due to the "discrimination" of the barbers and bars in the area against the Negroes of the university.

The formation of Students for Democratic Action, I hope, is the result of the growing awareness on the part of the URI students that there are basic moral and

ethical problems on the campus as well as surrounding areas.

There may be discrimination by the barbers of South County toward the Negro, but what about discrimination on the URI campus? Are all sororities and fraternities non-sectarian in their choice of members?

What about the lack of manners and good taste on campus? On the URI campus, social acceptance is the prime requisite for happiness. More and more emphasis is placed on the social milieu than the academic; all life is centered socially. Past values are replaced by the mass value of social acceptance.

How can the SDA condemn the actions of those outside the campus without first investigating and rationalizing the problem areas of the URI campus? Are there factors present other than outright discrimination? Could there be health and sanitary factors involved? Before overt action is taken who discern the problem areas of campus?

Is the SDA working for the betterment of the entire student population or do the members merely like to see their names in print or have their names mentioned and talked about?

Before embarking on a well crusade, why not influence the campus population of the problems of cheating on exams, stealing of personal property in residence hall and defacing of public and private property on and off campus?

Why not influence the student population toward sound moral values and ethics that may be used after graduation? The values of the campus are in discord with the communities surrounding it. The value orientation held may benefit the student socially for four years but not for a life time.

First, correct the malpractice on campus, then show the surrounding areas that we, as leaders of tomorrow, practice what we preach. Let the positive actions on campus serve as a guide to the surrounding environs.

The emphasis of SDA and its actions seem wrongly directed.

ROBERT K. McEWAN

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Backstage

by Bill Newman

A play tells a story to its audience—it is a story of itself and there's always a story about its creation. But some of the most remembered stories about a play happen behind the proscenium, and they are held in the memories of the cast and production crew.

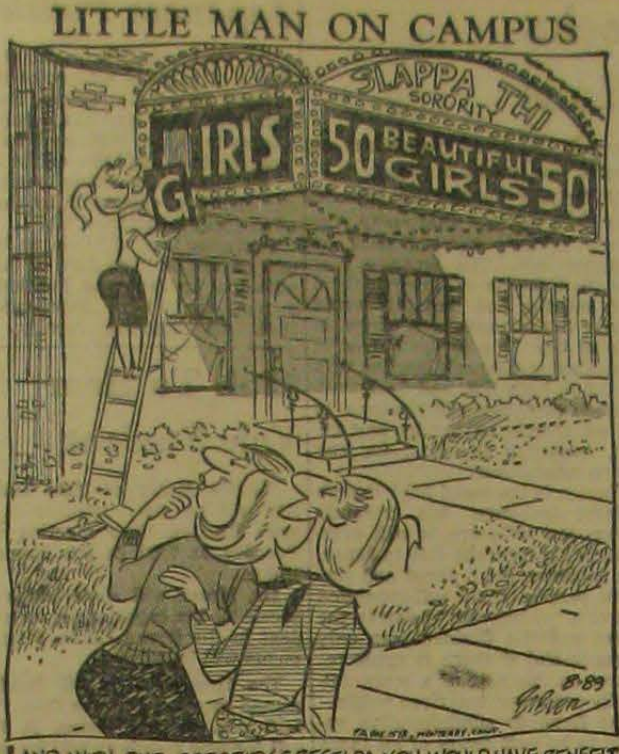
There's the story of the weatherman who may not always be right when it comes to predicting tomorrow's sunshine, but who seems to be just "right" for his part as Horace Vandergelder, the crotchety and wifeless storekeeper in the University Theatre's upcoming production of Thornton Wilder's "The Matchmaker."

Walter Devanas, radio meteorologist for WJAR, returned to URI from a weatherman's job in the Navy to resume his education and is now making his first appearance with the University Theatre. He has had experience with local community theatre groups, and this is evident.

The veterans in the cast can tell many stories from past shows, but each play makes its own memories. Martha Turnock, a graduate student in English who plays Mrs. Levi, the matchmaker, traces her memories back to "Ring Round the Moon" and "The Glass Menagerie." Bill Lacey and Bruce Slader have a host of stories to tell about "Roshomon" and "Medea" which they both appeared in, while Frances Tamburro can share in Bill's memories of "Look Homeward Angel."

Bill Jensen, Paula Carr and Virginia Lewis all appeared together in "The Crucible" and they're teamed up again in "Matchmaker." Dennis Nagle was seen in "Look Homeward Angel" and Dick Brown appeared in "Carousel", rounding out the list of old faces.

The newcomers, Alan Barnicoat, Susan Draper, Barbara Miller, Susan Cundall, Richard Testa and



"AND WITH OUR SORORITY, GRESLEDA, YOU WOULD HAVE BENEFIT OF ONE OF THE FINEST SOCIAL CHAIRMEN ON CAMPUS."

Gordon Sargent, are all building their stories from their work with "Matchmaker" and they're also building good reputations for their work to date.

There's a story to tell about the trapdoor that was cut in the Quinn Theatre stage to accommodate an entrance to a second floor level in the second act, and the actors who huddle in the three foot air space below it all during the first act waiting for their cue must have some interesting tales to add. The box office in Quinn Hall will be open each day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the ticket chairman can say this time that the tickets lie flat in the cubbyholes.

There are many stories about a play, but the most important one will be the story of success that I feel will be heard on Dec. 17 after "Matchmaker" finishes its four day run.

URI Band Members Receive Awards

Awards were given to members of the 1961 URI band at the annual awards banquet held in Butterfield Hall, Tuesday evening, Nov. 21.

Fourth-year awards were given to Rosalie Greenberg, Joyce Gurney, Beverly Kelm, Paul Mancini, Richard Sisson, Steve Willard and Frances Willis.

The following received third-year awards: Nancy Barrett, John Dimeo, Glenice Fontes, James Hardeman, Peter James, Bruce Murray, George Shapiro, William Straderman, Ellen Strauss, Robert Volta and Paul Zarogian.

Second-year awards were given to Peter Allen, David Blades, Michael Boday, Alex Covell, Kenneth Goldman, Susan Hallan, Paula Heister, Joanne Hodgson, Catharine Houston, Marcia Jacobucci, Judith Kelm, Paulette Lessard, Barry Levy, Jeanette Lockwood, Douglas Long, Eugene Massa, Louis Najarian, Alan Saabye, Douglas Serapin, Stanley Shredder, Christine Slonina, David Tanner, Lonnie Torman, Cynthia Waters and Guy Wolf.

The following received first-year awards: Libby Abramson, Robert Allard, Catharine Allen, Judy Aubrey, Deborah Ballou, Judith Beaudoin, Stuart Brenner, Skee Bullock, Mary Cesario, John Cohen, Lea Corbin, Ellen Cordes, Peter Cornwell and Jordan Correla.

Susan Cundall, Cynthia Davis, Joel Esten, Frank Farrell, Richard Franklin, Michael Gaidys, Robert Gentile, Victor Gibeault, James Gould, Rosalind Green, Carol Hanson, David Horridge, Joyce Keiff, Madeline Kenyon, Richard Lanoway, Dorothy Maciejewski, Jay Melamut, Barbara Murray, Anthony Narciso and Diana Naysnerski.

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JUST A SHORT WALK FROM CAMPUS, ON ROUTE 138.

Ecologist to Speak

Dr. William L. Webb, professor of forest zoology at the New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse University, will give two campus lectures tomorrow.

Dr. Webb, a forest wildlife ecologist with training in the field of forestry, wildlife management and zoology, has been invited to URI by the Visiting Scholars Program. His lectures are also sponsored by the Society of American Foresters and the National Science Foundation.

Dr. Webb's first lecture, at 11 a.m. in Ranger Hall Auditorium, will be "The Future of Wildlife Management and Research Needs in the Northeast." He will give an illustrated lecture on forest and wildlife management in Germany and Sweden at 1 p.m. in East Hall Auditorium.

Dr. Webb will be available for informal discussions with students, staff and other interested persons in Room 20, Woodward Hall, tomorrow from 3 to 4 p.m. and Friday from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.



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Says Kennedy Administration Seeks To Better U. S. - Japanese Relations

by Dr. George O. Totten

(Dr. Totten, URI Associate Professor of Political Science, is completing a book on Japanese politics for a project advised by Dr. Edwin O. Reischauer, the present American Ambassador to Japan.)

Since the humiliating cancellation of President Eisenhower's visit to Japan in May 1960, the United States has attempted to improve its posture in Japanese eyes. The Kennedy administration has been able to capitalize on this trend.

One of the new President's first acts was to appoint his former Professor of Japanese at Harvard as U.S. Ambassador in Tokyo. No longer can Japanese statesmen complain that they are not understood. Dr. Reischauer is fluent in Japanese and has a greater knowledge of Nippon's history than most of her own leaders.

The most startling development in this trend was the President's unprecedented step of sending half of the American cabinet to Japan to confer with their Japanese counterparts in early November. Headed by Secretary of State Dean Rusk, the total party from the U.S. including wives came to 32. At a picturesque inn near Mt. Fuji, the conference discussed international economic problems in the two countries and how these related to mutual trade relations.

This was not a bargaining or negotiating session at all. It was the first in a projected plan of holding cabinet-level meetings annually in Japan and the U.S. alternately. We have never done anything like this before; only to Canada have we sent several cabinet members at once. This new departure resembles the Commonwealth Conferences among Britain and her former colonies.

Why this great emphasis on U.S.-Japanese relations? A summary of economic, political and social ties is most revealing. Economically, America's best customer abroad is Japan (in fact our best outside Canada).

Japan buys more from us than from any other country; not only manufactured goods but also raw materials, such as coal and cotton. She has the world's largest shipbuilding and motion picture industries, outproducing us in both cases. Her rate of economic growth has recently been the highest in the world, reaching 17 per cent in 1959 as compared to 2.5 per cent for the U.S.

Politically, Japan, which in May 1960 approved the revised U.S.-Japan Mutual Security Treaty, is by far America's most important ally in Asia from many points of view. Her heavy trade orientation with us has been maintained despite temptations from Communist China of cheaper materials but with a political price tag that might adversely affect our relations.

Japan is the only highly industrialized nation in Asia. Her population of 92 millions is double that of France. Nationalist China has only some 9 millions and the Philippines 23. The living standards in Japan are incomparably higher than any-

where else in Asia. In the United Nations, Japan usually follows the American lead, differing from the Afro-Asian bloc, except on nuclear testing.

Japanese society and culture have been astonishingly affected by contact with Americans, usually by additions and adaptations rather than by totally supplanting older ways. Long before the last war, Japan was the only other nation where baseball had become a national sport.

Since defeat, the United States was in effect the sole occupying power. American culture influence was thus incomparably greater on Japan than on Germany, which was divided and occupied by four powers. Almost no bad feeling has been engendered by the prevalence of American fashions and English words in the Japanese language. This is partly due to the delight exhibited by Americans in things Japanese from Zen, Karate and flower arrangements to transistors and cameras.

Closer U.S.-Japanese consultation, held in accordance with the Security Treaty, can improve the atmosphere in which a number of outstanding problems have to be contended with—problems that will find no quick solution.

Trade will probably continue to be favorable to the U. S. and unfavorable to Japan; better balance can only come about by improved economic conditions in the U.S. Both countries now suffer from foreign deficits. U.S. tariffs which now keep down imports from Japan will not easily be done away with

nor will Japanese restrictions on foreign investment in Japan.

Underlying political problems derive from the fact that many American military bases remain on Japanese soil. The Japanese fear that the U.S. may ask to equip them with missiles and that this would render Japan more of a target in case of war. Due to the horror of Hiroshima and Japan's location with regard to both U.S. and Soviet nuclear testing, she will continue to protest atomic testing by any nation, including the U.S., for any reason whatsoever.

Finally, in the social field, though cultural exchange has recently grown, the influence is still overwhelmingly from the U.S. to Japan. The Japanese are a proud and sensitive people: their self-appointed role as a "go-between" between the Orient and the Occident can only be successful if there is great response on the part of a more culturally conscious American public.

The Kennedy administration appears to be well aware of all these problems and is attempting to do something about them. But to be successful, Mr. Kennedy's policies along this line need to be better understood and supported by us all.

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Japanese Political Scientist To Speak

Dr. Yoshisato Oka, assistant professor of political science at Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, and an authority on post-war political parties in Japan, will speak on "Democracy in Japan" at a coffee hour to be held in the Union lounge today at 5 p.m. sponsored by the International Relations Club.

Professor Oka will hold an informal lecture on "The Role of the Intellectual in Japanese Politics" at 8 p.m. tonight in Independence Hall. All students, faculty, and

guests are invited to attend the lecture, sponsored by the URI Department of political science. Dr. Oka has spent the last two months as a visiting lecturer at the Center for Japanese Studies, University of Michigan, and previously spent a year and a half at Oxford University, England.

Club To Hear Yale Student

Charles Moser of Yale University will be guest speaker at the open Russian Club meeting next Tuesday at 7:30 in the Memorial Union.

Mr. Moser will show slides and speak on his experiences as a student in the Soviet Union. Refreshments will be served.

The Spanish Club will hold its second meeting Monday Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Union. A final call for new members will be made at this meeting.

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Peace March Head To Speak Here

Bradford Lytle, the leader of the recent 6000 mile peace march from San Francisco to Moscow, will speak on "Impressions on the March to Moscow" tomorrow, at 4 p.m. in Edwards Hall. The event will be sponsored by Scroll.

Mr. Lytle, a resident of New York City, has been active for several years in the peace movement. He is the national secretary of the Committee for Non-Violent Action, a group that advocates immediate disarmament without a weapon-for-weapon agreement with the Soviet Union.

Mr. Lytle has served two terms in federal prisons for opposition to militarism. He is the author of "National Defense Through Non-Violent Resistance," "Essays on Non-Violent Action" and numerous articles.

Christmas Concert Plans Announced

The "Paul Bunyan Suite" by William Bergama and the "Magnificat" by Johann Pachelbel will be the featured works at the annual Christmas concert to be presented by the URI Department of Music on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 4 p.m. in Edwards Hall.

The suite, to be played by the 45-piece University Orchestra under the direction of Prof. Arnold Clair, is divided into three parts—Clair, the dance of the blue ox, the country dance and night. The suite is concerned with the figure of Paul Bunyan, the legendary giant who symbolizes the opening of the frontier of the Northwest Territory.

The "Magnificat," to be presented by the 110-voice University Chorus, will be directed by Prof. Ward Abusamra.

The program will also include the orchestra's rendition of "March in G" by Henry Purcell and several Christmas selections by the chorus.

The concert is open to everyone. There is no admission charge.

Lines from Lippitt

Newly elected officers of the Senior Orchestras dance group are Nancy Topf, president; Libby Abramson, secretary; Missi DeRosa, publicity and Dennis Mennerich, treasurer. Senior Orchestras meets every Monday from 8 to 8 p.m. in Rodman Hall. Junior Orchestras, the beginner's dance group, meets every Wednesday from 5 to 6 p.m. in Rodman Hall.

With only three weeks left this semester in the interhouse bowling tournament, Chi Omega is currently in first place in Division M with 20 wins and 8 losses. Sigma Delta Tau retains first place in Division T with 21 wins and 7 losses. Barbara Meyer of Sigma Delta Tau scored high single with a 168.

International folk dancing classes for the college and surrounding community offered by the women's physical education department will be held on the first and third Friday of each month in Lippitt Hall from 8 to 10 p.m.

Interested persons should contact Miss Barbara Mandell in Lippitt Hall. Street clothes and tennis shoes can be worn to the classes.

Plans are now being made for the annual Christmas Door Display Contest to be sponsored by the



Newly initiated members of the Senior Orchestras dance group are: seated (l-r) Jean Cierzo, Cynthia Full, Birgitta Schauman. Standing (l-r) Miss Jane M. Yosepian—advisor, Nancy Gore, Dennis Mennerich, Libby Abramson. (photo by Elton Cohen)

Women's Athletic Association next Monday. All men's and women's housing units are eligible. Awards for the winners will be presented at the Christmas Convocation.

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Hillel To Sponsor Hanukkah Party

URI's Hillel organization will sponsor a Hanukkah party Sunday, in the Browning Hall Blue Room.

The party, which will feature latkes, traditional Hanukkah food, will begin at 5:30 p.m.

"The Wise Men of Chelm," a skit based on stories of Eastern Europe, will follow the meal. Singing and Israeli dancing will complete the three hour program.

The Hanukkah party replaces a brunch originally scheduled for Dec. 10 and is open to the campus at an admission fee of 25 cents for registered Hillel members and 50 cents for non-registered members and friends.

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RAMbling along . . .

by Alan Birkenfeld

The University of Minnesota will be headed out to California on January 1 on another visit to The Tournament of Roses, as a second choice of the Rose Bowl Selection Committee. The first choice, Ohio State, winner of the Big Ten Conference with a 8-0-1 record, and voted first in the country by the Associated Press and second by United Press International last week, wasn't permitted to attend because of various reasons offered by the faculty from the school.

The chief objections appear to be: A trip would interrupt the normal academic life of the school; the university has become known as a "football school" and this has hurt the university's academic standing; the Rose Bowl is a commercial enterprise; absence from campus of faculty members hampers the operation of the administration; the council already expressed a decision on the matter and a change in that decision would hurt the school's prestige; the bowl game would only be a rehash of a game played earlier in the season when Ohio State beat UCLA, 13-3.

It seems that the entire student body at State differed in opinion, as this writer does, as they conducted rallies, wrote letters, etc. Ohio Governor Michael V. DiSalle stated that he thought it would be good for the prestige of the school and the state for the team to go.

Many alumni are currently worried that football will be deemphasized at State, and possibly even basketball.

Are these reasons valid? The last argument may be answered in the affirmative, depending on the condition of the teams when the game was played. As far as the academic standing is concerned, this is only one more game, bringing to eleven the total of games played this season. In basketball, the usual schedule contains 26 games. Will the faculty council vote to cancel half of this schedule?

If Ohio State has become a "football school," the blame should be placed on the admissions officers, not on the football program. The latter only scouts future talent for the Buckeyes; the former admit the students into the university.

Since the Rose Bowl is a commercial enterprise, the school will make money. I am sure that they won't object; they already have an 80,000 seating capacity in their football stadium.

Finally, the Council won't change its vote, because it will hurt the school's prestige. I am sure that no one has ever hurt his reputation after admitting a mistake.

The Ohio State Buckeyes should have gone to the Rose Bowl because they were the best team in the country and they had an undefeated record. The game would have been a perfect reward for a job "well-done," but the Faculty Council "fumbled." They may never get another chance.

BRIDGE NOTES

Craig Covell of Browning Hall and Leo Lapane of Butterfield Hall, Mike Klarreich of Butterfield Hall and Paul Klarreich of Brown University and Anthony Petronella and Joseph Feroce of Bressler Hall won the duplicate bridge games sponsored by the Memorial Union games committee last Thursday at the Union. Ten pairs played in the competition.

Plans for the formation of a

campus bridge club to begin activities next semester are being formulated. Anyone interested in joining this club is asked to contact Mike Klarreich at either Butterfield Hall or the Grist office in the Memorial Union.

The campus bridge tournament will be held on Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Union lounge. The intercollegiate bridge tournament will be held on Feb. 19. Details about these can be obtained at the Union desk.

Brown Upsets Rams 79 - 74

Captain Mike Cingiser sank two foul shots with less than one minute remaining to send Brown to its first victory of the season, defeating URI 79-74 Monday night at Kingston. For Rhody, it was its first loss of the season, after one victory.

Charlie Lee led all scorers with 34 points. Rhody had a chance to tie the game when Brown was leading 74-72. Ronnie Rothstein missed the tying layup with twenty seconds remaining. Then, Greg Heath converted a three-point play and Gene Barth scored a jumper to end the game.

Ram Captain Gary Koenig was injured in the last two minutes of play and is a doubtful starter in the Holy Cross game.

The URI Ramlets defeated the Brown Cubs in the preliminary game, 79-70. Danny McGovern scored 22 points, Steve Chubin added 18 and John Mulfinger, 12 points.

	G	F	Pts.
Koenig	5	2	12
Weiss	2	5	9
Logan	2	0	4
Nilsson	2	1	5
Dillon	1	1	3
Stenhouse	0	0	0
Ricereto	2	0	4
Lee	15	4	34
Broderick	0	0	0
Rothstein	0	1	1
Schachter	1	0	2
Totals	30	14	74

	G	F	Pts.
Cingiser	7	9	23
Barth	7	2	16
Heath	10	0	20
Behn	5	0	12
Brockway	4	1	9
Oelrich	0	1	1
Totals	33	13	79

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Athlete Of The Week

Charlie Lee

Charlie Lee, scoring 22 points in the varsity basketball team's opener, and high scorer last season, has been selected Athlete of the Week.

A junior in the Physical Education curriculum, Charlie has had many fine games down at Rhody. His biggest thus far was at Maine last season, when he scored 33 points in the final game of the Downeast Classic, and was picked Most Valuable Player. He also scored 21 points against St. Bonaventure last season at Madison

Square Garden in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament, and 19 points against St. John's here at Kingston. His biggest night was against Connecticut in his freshman year, when he ran up a total of 36 points, while averaging over 20 points per game.

Back at Dwight Morrow High School, in Englewood, New Jersey, Charlie participated in football, track, and basketball. In his senior year in football, Charlie was chosen an all-league end. In track, he ran the 1/4 mile for two years, and won many medals. However, it was basketball that Charlie really shined in. While playing varsity ball for three years, Lee collected many honors, including, All Bergen County during his junior and senior years, third team all-state in his junior year, and first team all-state in his senior year. Also, in his last season, Charlie was picked among the top 50 High School basketball players in the country.

Here at Rhody, Charlie is a member of the Rhode Island Club and of Tau Epsilon Phi.

Congratulations, Charlie Lee, becoming Athlete of the Week.

Harriers Awarded

The following members of the URI varsity Cross-Country team have received RI insignias for participation during the 1961 season: Pete Chamberlain, Marshall Gerstenblatt, Tom Hill, Bob Lund, Joe Marandola and Captain Karl Steimle.

Also, class numberals were awarded to members of the freshman cross-country team. The Ramlets receiving numberals are: Don Addy, John Barlow, John DelBonis, Tony DiMarco, Ed Foley, Henry Hunt, Bob Jameison, Jim LaRose, Bill Masuck, Ray McMahon, Ernie Mulokozi, Charles Menezes, Charles Obst, Dexter Patterson, Karson Pratt, Andrew Richardson, George Roche, Tom Russillo, Gordon Sargent, Luther Whetstein and Warren Winsor.

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Varsity Hoopsters Win Opener Defeating Pratt Instit. 55 - 50

by Bill Parrillo

The URI Rams successfully launched their 1961-62 basketball season with a close 55-50 victory over Pratt Institute of New York on a sparkling shooting performance of Charles Lee and the rugged rebounding of Lee and Capt. Gary Koenig.

Lee, a 6-3 junior forward, kept the Rams in the ballgame during the early stages with several long range baskets in addition to effective rebounds.

Senior forward Dave Ricereto opened the scoring with a driving layup but, for the next 10 minutes, the New Yorkers built a 20-10 score largely on the outside shooting of Les Weekes and Bob Lange.

Then Lee, who was the game's high scorer with 22 points, and Ricereto began finding the mark

and Pratt's early lead was shaved to one point, 29-28.

In the second half, it was "touch and go" as the Rams scored off the center tap on Ricereto's driving layup, but Pratt kept coming back. Ron Stenhouse put the Rams ahead to stay near the mid-point of the second half with a foul shot and, after an exchange of baskets, sophomore Denny Dillon's layup and two foul shots by Lee led it for the Rams.

Rhody played ball control for the last three minutes and forced a pressing Pratt into a couple of errors that led to easy two-pointers for the Rams.

Koenig, the ever-hustling URI center, did a fine defensive job on Pratt's highly-touted center, Ed Mazria, its leading scorer last season, holding him to one field goal in the first half and to eight points

during the entire game. The blond senior fouled out with two minutes remaining in the contest and received a standing ovation from a crowd of approximately 2,000 people.

The scoring:

URI (55)			
Lee	9	4	22
Ricereto	6	2	14
Koenig	1	5	7
Schachter	1	0	2
Weiss	0	2	2
Stenhouse	1	1	3
Dillon	2	0	4
Broderick	0	1	1
Logan	0	0	0
Totals	20	15	55
Pratt (50)			
Pirnie	4	0	8
Weekes	3	3	9
Mazria	4	0	8
Lange	7	1	15
Terjesen	4	2	10
Scarpatti	0	0	0
Carayas	0	0	0
Bergquist	0	0	0
Totals	22	6	50

Basketball Team to Play H. C. Fordham and Northeastern

The varsity basketball team plays three games this week, Holy Cross, Wednesday, at Worcester, Fordham, Saturday, in New York, and Northeastern, Monday, here in Kingston.

The Crusaders from Holy Cross are led by All-American Jack "the shot" Foley, who, last year, averaged 28.9 points per game. In 27 games, he averaged 46 per cent from the field, besides gathering in 284 rebounds. Foley has already broken Tommy Heinsohn's two-year scoring mark and needs just 471 more points to become the all-time scoring leader at Holy Cross. Last year, Foley led the Cross to a 96-72 victory over URI with 41 points. However, their two leading backcourtmen from last year are not back, Tim Shea and George Blaney, which may hurt last season's record of 22-5. Foley will start with Pete O'Connor, 4.7, last season; Dave Slattery, 5.4; Ken McClary, and Joe Kelly. Sophomore Ward Becht, 6-7, may provide needed height.

Fordham's Rams, led by the "M Boys," Bob Melvon, 17.7 ppg. last season, and sophomore Jim Manhardt, who averaged 30 ppg. as a freshman, ought to avenge last season's 7-18 record. Last season, Melvin scored 30 points and led Fordham to a 3-point victory over the Rhody Rams. Other starters include 6-4 junior Sal Coalman (7.8) and 6-5 senior Joe Dempsey (9.4).

The Rams, last season, defeated the Northeastern Huskies, 62-58, when the latter had one of their best seasons. This year, with only one senior on the roster, Coach Dick Dukeshire is optimistic over his team's future. In Captain Ward Sears, the Huskies have improved their rebounding. Guard Paul Solberg, 5-8, is the leading playmaker, and was the second leading

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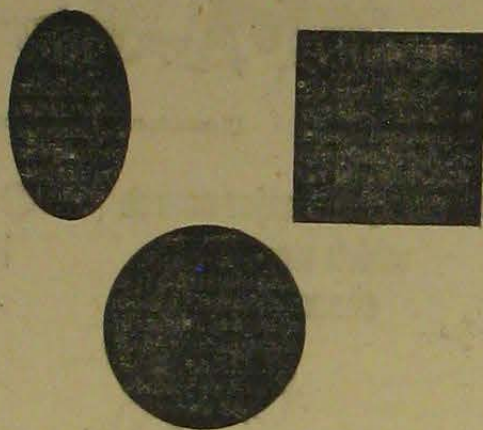
The undefeated University of Maine was named this week the New England small college team of the year, by United Press International. Maine, this season, won the state series title and the Yankee Conference. The Black Bears captured seven of the eight first-place ballots, finishing second on the last ballot cast.

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Soccer Team Closes Season

The URI varsity soccer team closed out its initial season Nov. 14, losing to the University of Conn., 7-2, thus closing the season with a 5-6 mark. Scoring the last two goals of the year were Brian Richter and Jim Taylor.

The fine showing by the 30 men listed on the roster was highly instrumental in its success. The sport, which was introduced on the Rhody campus two years ago, was successful this year due to the great enthusiasm shown, although many of the members of the team had little experience.

As the season progressed, the team learned how to pass better and to take advantage of the many scoring opportunities. A new defense was introduced, which the players adapted quite readily to.

The only starter graduating is fullback Rod Simone. Captain Antonio Patrizio will be back along with high scorer Lazo Siegmund, who scored seven goals over the season. Also returning next season will be Richter and Taylor, both forwards. Other seniors graduating include Steve Linder, Dick Johnson and Bruce Olson.



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"Yes," said the makers simply. We all shook hands then and squeezed each other's shoulders and exchanged brave smiles, and if our eyes were a trifle moist, who can blame us?

To the topic then: Should a coed share expenses on a date? I think I can best answer the question by citing the following typical case:

Poseidon Nebenzal, a student at Oklahoma A and M, majoring in hides and tallow, fell wildly in love with Mary Ellen Flange, a flax weevil major at the same school. His love, he had



"Oh, foolish reaper! Why have you not told me before?"

reason to believe from Mary Ellen's sidelong glances and maidenly blushes, was not entirely unrequited, and by and by he mustered up enough courage to ask her the all-important question: "Will you wear my 4-H pin?"

"Yes," she said simply. They shook hands then and squeezed each other's shoulders and exchanged brave smiles, and if their eyes were a trifle moist, who can blame them?

For a time things went swimmingly. Then a cloud appeared. Mary Ellen, it seems, was a rich girl and accustomed to costly pleasures. Poseidon was bone-poor and he quickly ran out of money. Unable to take Mary Ellen to the posh places she fancied and too proud to tell her the reason, he turned surlily and full of melancholy. Soon their romance, so promising at the beginning, was headed for a breakup. But at the last moment, Poseidon managed to blurt out the truth.

"Oh, beloved agrarian!" cried Mary Ellen, grasping him close. "Oh, proud husbandman! Oh, foolish reaper! Why have you not told me before? I have plenty of money, and I will contribute according to my ability."

Poseidon, of course, protested, but she finally persuaded him of the wisdom of her course. From then on they split all expenses according to their incomes. Rather than embarrass Poseidon by handing him money in public, a joint bank account was set up to allow him to write checks. Into this account each week they faithfully deposited their respective allowances—35 cents from Poseidon; \$2300 from Mary Ellen.

And it worked fine! They were happy—truly happy! And what's more, when they graduated they had a nice little nest egg—eight million dollars—with which to furnish a lovely apartment in Lubbock, Texas, where today they operate the local laundromat.

So you see? You too can salvage your failing romance if you will only adopt a healthy, sensible attitude toward money.

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BRIDGE—Duplicate Bridge every Tuesday, 7:25 p.m. Neighborhood Guild, Peace Dale (opposite P. D. Fire Dept.) Partners available.

VOTE—for John Meyer for Vice President of the Freshman Class. The primaries will be held Dec. 13, and the election on Dec. 15.

WANTED TO BUY—Old guns, swords, all types of Civil War and old American military items. I will pay extra for any Confederate items. See or call Ron MacIndoe at Sigma Pi. ST 3-7956.

ORDER—White plastic poncho with hood—has URI emblem on back. Available in individual orders and group lots. Contact Artie Bobrow, 219 Browning Hall.

FOR RENT—Santa Claus suit. First quality red velvet complete with nylon wig and beard, \$5. Make reservations in advance at the Union desk.

TYPIST—Term papers, reports, etc. Expertly typed by experienced typist on electric typewriter. See Don Blake, 403 Ranger Hall or call ST 3-5128-evenings.

FOR SALE—1960 Alfa Romeo Spyder Roadster—radio, seat belts. Call Dave Golden. ST 3-8726.

FOR SALE—1956 Ford, black and white, four-door, V-8, new battery, brakes, excellent condition, with radio and heater. Allan Carter, P. O. Box 307, Kingston.

FACULTY-STUDENTS—Now is the time to consider buying that New or Used Car, because prices are low and trade-in high. For a fine selection of New Chevys, Plymouths and compacts or that Clean Used Car, contact: Edward Levine at ST 3-5608 or leave word at the Beacon Office—Student Union.

FOR SALE—1960 Blue Opal sedan, whitewalls, radio with two speakers, heater, seat covers; only 7,000 miles. Perfect condition. Owner must sell. Contact Bob Henderson, Graduate Student Office, Wales Hall, on Mon., Wed., or Fri.

FOR RENT—large room for two students, male. Main Street, Kingston Village. Call ST 3-2012.

RADIOS FOR SALE—each radio having 8 transistors and complete with case, earphone and battery. Bargain prices. Ken Thorpe. Sigma Chi, ST 3-7803.

WANTED—Will beg, borrow or buy: pair of delicate, gold conservatory chairs. Contact University Theatre, Extension 269.

FOR SALE—'56 Ford Fairlane—excellent condition. Automatic transmission, 4 new tires; \$550 or best offer. Low mileage. Call ST 3-7891 or ST 3-7717, John Chase.

LOST—Red leather clutch bag containing important possessions. If found, please return to Irene Fontaine, ST 3-7908.

LOST—Navy blue sorority blazer. Please return to Sandra Santagata, Alpha Xi Delta.

FOR SALE—Buick LeSabre 1961 4-door hardtop, like new. Contact C. S. Pacheco, 31 Upper College Rd.

FOR SALE—1955 Chevrolet, green and white, 2-door, standard shift, excellent condition. \$495. Contact S. Wujcik, 220 Browning Hall.

FOR SALE—Polaroid Camera '80. Gray with carrying case. Adjustable single dial shutter speed and lens opening. Footage dial on lens mount (3 feet to infinity.) Model No. 281 flash gun with safety shield and defuse shade picture taking time—10 sec. Contact Ken Long, room 415, Browning Hall after 5 p.m.

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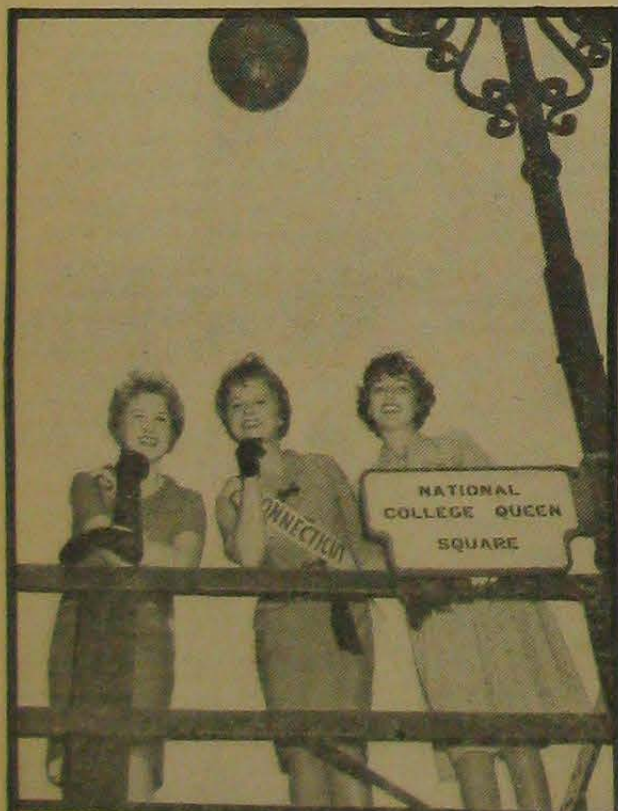
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70%	70%
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GREETINGS

To the members of the campus community we extend our best wishes for a joyous holiday season.

The Beacon Staff

Can You Accept the Responsibility?

The recent decision of the general faculty to eliminate the requirement that petitions circulated in the men's residence halls must receive prior approval from the dean of men and the administrative decision to consider ways of insuring more privacy with the intercom system in Browning Hall represent positive steps in the direction of more mature administration-faculty-student relationships.

Much of the reason for these steps is the concerted effort of the students to demonstrate their dissatisfaction with the overly paternalistic attitudes of many administrative officials.

These moves are not the result of one group's fight. Rather, they are a response to the protests of several active groups within the student body.

Also, because of the interest generated by the students, some of the faculty members have joined in the fight against paternalism. Their support has been a strengthening influence for the students.

The newly won victories represent mere skirmishes in the battle against "in loco parentis." They are significant victories, but not the final ones.

In recognizing the rights of students, the administration is placing on them the burden of responsibility. To show that they are ready to assume this responsibility, the students must demonstrate their ability to make sound and mature decisions.

This is the test. Are the students really interested in fulfilling the responsible role they have been seeking? Or, have they been talking just to hear themselves talk?

If the students rest on their laurels now without proving themselves capable of responsibility, "in loco parentis" will never be defeated at URI.

The door has been opened. Take advantage of these first indications of trust, cultivate it and use it as a foundation for a student body truly indicative of the democratic way of life, a student body that is responsible, mature and free from paternalistic repression.

Letters to the Editor

Action Urged Now On Civil Defense

I was pleased to notice that various subterranean areas on campus have been officially marked as Civil Defense Shelter areas. And it was more pleasing, it was downright hilarious, to observe the behavior of students during the fire drill (air raid drill?) which occurred, significantly, on Pearl Harbor day 1961.

Yes, it was most amusing to watch students as they argued with one another as the sirens sounded—"It's a fire drill, we should go outside!" "No, it's an air raid drill and we should take shelter." "No, it must be a fire drill..." So some took shelter. And some went outdoors. And some wandered half way between. Most amusing.

But suppose the fire drill (air raid drill?) had been an actual emergency situation. If it had been some type of air attack, those who had gone outdoors would have been worse off than if no alarm had been given at all. If there had been a fire, those who had taken shelter in a basement might have been trapped there. Not so amusing.

This alarming state of affairs is a result of a lack of Civil Defense ac-

tion (note that I did not say planning—we have plenty of planning) on the part of those responsible for Civil Defense activities in the university community.

We do have a Civil Defense committee on campus, but it seems to be incapable of proceeding from the planning stages to an implementation of a plan of action. There has been no attempt made to inform the student body as to what action the students should take in the event of an emergency.

When the issue was publicized by The Beacon, the only response from the administration was a statement assuming that the students would do the proper thing at the proper time to safeguard themselves. This farcical episode was an example of how effectively the students can safeguard themselves in the absence of an effective, well publicized warning system.

What can you do to remedy this dangerous situation? You can contact your student senator and tell him that you want something done through the Student Senate immediately. You can voice your disapproval and constructive ideas through The Beacon. You can send your name to me, now, indicating that you would be willing to participate in a Student Committee for Civil Defense if the administration

does not take positive concrete action in the immediate future.

Thomas J. Macdonald
12 South Road
Kingston

Different Views On 'Tropic of Cancer'

Readers of last week's Beacon have been treated to a variety of judgments, ethical and literary, on Henry Miller's "Tropic of Cancer." Perhaps never before in the history of collegiate journalism or of literary criticism have so many campus critics ventured pronouncements on a work they have admittedly not read.

To read a book means to read it completely through. To criticize it fairly requires a recent or fresh reading. Miller's novel, in my humble opinion, is the kind of book that demands not only a full and careful reading but probably a second or third reading—if one would gain more than a superficial notion of the author's intention and themes and if one would arrive at a fair appraisal of his achievement. This is a rich book.

If it is shocking, perhaps this spiritually bankrupt century needs to be shocked. If it portrays some

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obscenities, one must admit that life itself is full of obscenities and that the great artists have included the whole of life—Juvenal, Boccaccio, Chaucer, Rabelais, Whitman and Joyce, to name a few.

If it is full of bitterness, it is also full of gusto, of enjoyment of living, of hunger for life. Miller's satire is, paradoxically, a tremendous affirmation. And after all its grossness and violence, it ends in peace—in acceptance of life as ongoing flow.

"Tropic of Cancer" is a serious autobiographical novel with a serious purpose. It condemns the restrictions and shams of modern society; it celebrates freedom and individualism. But every reader must fathom these themes for himself.

What most needs to be said about this book is that in its ribaldry it is hilariously funny. It is a concentration of comic episodes which tickle the mature reader's funny-bone rather than titillate his prurience.

Not the least of Miller's attributes is his vivid descriptive power. There are striking and memorable passages; there are scenes of haunting beauty.

Fortunately, recognition of Henry Miller's stature in American literature, tardy though such recognition has been, has gained sufficient headway to survive petty censorship in parts in New England.

Robert P. Sorlien
Associate Professor of English

Intellectuals, scholars and students—let's wait! Let's wait until we are given permission to read, evaluate, understand and broaden our literary education, lest we make the mistake of reading a banned book and immortalizing a segment of life.

Those who study civil laws, those who read portions of a book or bear political pressures, and above all those who praise virtue resulting from ignorance of evil, are certainly more qualified to guide our literary education than we ourselves.

If we close our minds and forget about the "few" people who represent another segment of life, these "obscenities" will cease to exist and our "virtuous" lads and lasses will become well-rounded adults without ever knowing that once upon a time people were unpredictably human.

The cog wheels of the democratic machine are turning slowly for lack of intellectually confident grease. As long as this grease remains in its conventional can and is never loaded into the nonconforming grease gun, we are going to have to wait while the machine fabricates narrow, make-believe people.

Now really....!

Ralph F. Sweet

It is surprising to me that in the controversy about Henry Miller's "Tropic of Cancer" no one has thought to point out the fact that there is a difference between "indecent" and "immoral."

Decency and indecency are matters of taste and decorum, and they are subject to the temporal and social realm. What is indecent to one person may be decent to another person.

Morality is concerned with fundamental attitudes toward man. Some of the most moral works of literature—those of Chaucer, Rabelais, Moses and James Joyce—contain indecencies.

Before one pronounces that "Tropic of Cancer" is immoral it would be wise for him to read the

book all the way through and then read other books written by Henry Miller (one work of art comments and sheds light on another) and determine what is Miller's fundamental attitude toward man.

If one wishes to get at the truth of Henry Miller, he might begin with "The Smile at the Foot of the Ladder." It contains none of the deliberate indecencies of "Tropic of Cancer," and it should help him to realize that Miller is a profound moralist.

Garold Sharpe
Assistant Prof. of English

SDA Explained

Apparently some misunderstanding has arisen regarding the purposes and activities of Students for Democratic Action.

First of all, we are not a publicity-seeking group of students looking for "situations" to gain personal notoriety. We are, to the contrary, a group of students seriously interested in stimulating, forming and organizing other students for the purpose of intelligent discussion and evaluation of academic and non-academic issues.

While fully realizing the need for investigating and working toward solutions of campus problems, we cannot overlook those issues which, though not actually on the campus, are, nevertheless, of immediate student concern.

We did not go out looking for the barbershop incident. This problem was brought to our attention by two URI students who had been discriminated against in the Wakefield-Peace Dale area. Because our policy is to investigate before acting, we studied this problem intently and then dealt with it in an efficient and effective manner.

I can understand, of course, the reasoning that might lead some students to conclude that civil rights and SDA are synonymous. This is a gross misunderstanding. While civil rights is an enormous problem, and does concern students, it is only one segment of a whole spectrum of SDA interests.

SDA is also concerned with investigating numerous issues that directly affect each student at this university. But because we do not seek publicity for the sake of publicity, we must do research before taking public stands and before upon such issues as integration or "in loco parentis."

An integral part of the process of investigation to action is the presenting of objective information to the student body in discussion and evaluation. A case in point was the open meeting at the barbershop issue, sponsored by SDA on Nov. 16. SDA has a great deal of faith in the intelligence of URI students. We feel that the student body should not be misinformed but informed, not led and guided and not condemned and educated.

Students for Democratic Action is still somewhat embryonic, while welcoming all constructive criticism, we hope that URI students will not make hasty judgments but, instead, wait until all the facts are in. Those students who are themselves so deeply concerned about student problems as to make themselves vocal about them should not stop at just criticism but come to our open meetings, make suggestions and work with us to achieve our mutual goals.

MICHAEL DOYLE
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